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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Delano Regional Medical Center Moves to Join Adventist Health

*Agreement will strengthen Delano's mission and care*

**Delano, Calif. –Jan. 9, 2019** – Delano Regional Medical Center has signed an agreement to join Adventist Health this year, pending review by federal agencies, President Bahram Ghaffari announced on January 9. Delano will draw on Adventist Health's deep roots in the state, as well as its vast network and resources, to strengthen its mission and care for i

"After careful review, Delano selected Adventist Health because its commitment to agricultural communities and its approach to providing care best aligned with Delano's mission and direction," Mr. Ghaffari said. Becoming part of Adventist Health's health system also will allow Delano Regional to deliver more coordinated care to the community.

Delano Regional and Adventist Health now will seek approval from the Federal Trade Commission and California Attorney General, a review process that is expected to take three to four months.

"Delano Regional Medical Center is pleased to join Adventist Health as we expand on our healthcare services in the Delano area, while continuing to build on our dedication and commitment to the communities we serve," said Mr. Ghaffari.

"We are pleased and humbled to be selected by Delano Regional Medical Center. We look forward to building on the medical center's rich heritage in the community and joining them in expanding access to quality care in Delano and the surrounding communities," said Scott Reiner, CEO, Adventist Health.

The agreement includes keeping all employees in the current structure for a minimum of six months after the transition and Adventist Health does not anticipate any significant changes in the employee population or management structure, simply because DRMC already operates lean and very efficiently. “We’re eager to get to know the Delano medical community better and learn from them about caring for this community,” Reiner said.

Adventist Health has created a page on its website to provide information and to receive employee, physician and community questions and feedback. The page may be reached at [www.AdventistHealth.org/Delano](http://www.AdventistHealth.org/Delano).

### **About Delano Regional Medical Center**

Known throughout California and beyond, Delano Regional Medical Center (governed by Central California Foundation for Health) is a full-service community hospital. DRMC serves 10 rural central California towns and is committed to providing an exceptional patient experience. With a total of 156 beds, DRMC is a not-for-profit hospital with services including an Intensive Care Unit, a Sub-Acute Care Unit, a Medical Surgical Unit, a dedicated Surgical Pavilion and an Obstetrics/Gynecology Unit.

DRMC also provides services through its clinics which includes three rural health clinics, Delano Women’s Medical Clinic, Delano Urgent Care and Wasco Medical Plaza.

### **About Adventist Health**

Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Its compassionate and talented team of 35,000 includes associates, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. Together, it is transforming the American healthcare experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing. For more information, visit [www.adventisthealth.org](http://www.adventisthealth.org).

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## **Adventist Health Names Transition Officer for Delano Integration**

February 5, 2019 (Roseville, Calif.) – Adventist Health has selected an executive with 30 years of health care leadership experience to oversee the planned integration of Delano Regional Medical Center into its system family, pending approval by the California Attorney General and other state and federal agencies.

David Butler, who currently serves as president of the award-winning Adventist Health Tillamook medical center, will begin his new role on March 11, said Scott Reiner, Adventist Health CEO. Delano medical center leaders in January announced plans to join Adventist Health. While the Attorney General review process is expected to be completed within six months, integration of the medical center’s systems and processes is expected to take 18 to 24 months.

“As one of Adventist Health’s most experienced market executives, David is the ideal choice to help bring the Delano team into our family,” Reiner said. “His diverse background and breadth of experience will ensure an effective and efficient transition that prioritizes patients, community, medical staff relationships and quality care.”

Butler’s experience includes roles as president in hospitals ranging in size from 25 to 300 beds from California to Tennessee. In addition to hospital leadership, Butler has a long-term care background, a nursing degree and an MBA. Under his leadership at Adventist Health Tillamook, the hospital was named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital in the nation in 2017 and 2018, doubled the size of its rural health clinics and expanded its physician network, among other achievements.

In selecting Butler to lead Adventist Health’s team in the transition, the organization is using a practice that proved successful in integrating Tulare and Marysville hospitals.

Butler said he is eager to begin his new role. “I’m so impressed at Delano Regional Medical Center’s commitment to healing and wellness and look forward to starting this new chapter with the community.

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*Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 75 communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Our workforce of 32,900 includes more than 23,600 employees; nearly 5,000 medical staff physicians; and 4,350 volunteers. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 20 hospitals, more than 260 clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics), 15 home care agencies, seven hospice agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. In addition, the Adventist Health Plan serves patients in Kings County. Visit [AdventistHealth.org](http://AdventistHealth.org) for more information.*